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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO AMCONSUL KARACHI PRIORITY

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KARACHI FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ACOM, SY

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE INSTALLATION - DAMASCUS

REF: (A) KUWAIT 4572, (B) DAMASCUS 6559

1. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT AGREE WITH PROGNOSIS OF CEO/T'S
(REF. B) AND DOES NOT APPROVE DEPARTURE OF BOTH CONN AND HIGGINS
AND CONSEQUENT INTERRUPTION OF TELEPHONE PROJECT BEFORE IT
COMPLETED.

2. INSTALLATION OF CONDUIT AT USAID WILL BE COMPLETED PROBABLY
WITHIN WEEK, ACCORDING TO CONTRACTOR. AID PUSHING WORK
COMPLETION.

3. PREDICTIONS ALL ALONG HAVE BEEN THAT THIS PROJECT WOULD
TAKE TWO MEN 4-5 WEEKS TO COMPLETE. TECHS HAVE BEEN HERE LESS
THAN 10 DAYS. WORK YET TO BE DONE REQUIRES TWO MEN FOR
EFFICIENCY, TIMELY COMPLETION. BY PROCEEDING WITH AID PROJECT,
POST CONVINCED BOTH MEN CAN BE GAINFULLY OCCUPIED UNTIL
BACKHAUS ARRIVES HERE CIRCA OCT. 3. (REF A) IF RCO
HAS NEED FOR AND WISHES ONE MAN TO DEPART HERE ON SATURDAY,
OCT. 2, POST HAS NO OBJECTION, ASSUMING BACKHAUS NOT TO

BE DIVERTED AGAIN.

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4. POST SYMPATHETIC TO TECHS UNDERSTANDABLE DESIRE TO
RETURN HOME BUT NOT AT EXPENSE OF MISSION'S BEST

INTERESTS.

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